

City of Corunna  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 19, 2002

Present: Corey, Jessen, Johnson, Mehigh, Ockerman, Runyan, Sanderson.

Absent: None.

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Janet Washburn, Parks and Recreation Director; Tim Crawford, Superintendent of Public Works; Jan Scott; Tom Wazny, Caledonia Charter Township Supervisor; Judy Horton; Larry LeCureux; Don Washburn; Helen Granger, The Independent; Chief Scott Johnson, Fire Department; Gary Burk, City of Owosso; Vanessa Harris, Rowe Engineering; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Corey at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Mehigh moved, Johnson seconded to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Jessen, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Ockerman moved, Mehigh seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item No. 13) Consider Water Committee and Item No. 14) Consider Location Agreement With Tony Hornus

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Runyan, Mehigh, Ockerman, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Runyan moved, Mehigh seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Jessen, Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT/PRE-COUNCIL DISCUSSION: Mr. Sawyer advised he did not have a report on the agenda items. Councilperson Mehigh thanked Mr. Sawyer, Councilperson Ockerman and Tom Wazny for all of their hard work at the ambulance service. Councilperson Mehigh advised the city council might have to go to the people for an increase in the household fee down the road. Councilperson Ockerman advised the operations manager was regrettably replaced on the last day of last month. The ambulance board did not have a choice, and the vote was unanimous. He further advised the ambulance service has to have someone down there, and he has taken it on. He also advised the ambulance board has found close to \$180,000 in unpaid ambulance runs that were never

billed, which will be billed. Councilperson Ockerman proceeded to explain the information that he gave to the city council.

GLS REGION V PLANNING PRESENTATION ON I-69 TRADE CORRIDOR STUDY: Mr.

Sawyer advised this item would be presented at the next regular meeting. He suggested making a motion to table the item. Runyan moved, Johnson seconded to table the GLS Region V planning presentation on the I-69 trade corridor study until the next regular meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson, Jessen, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONS DIRECTOR,

SOFTBALL COMMISSIONERS, HISTORICAL VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY COMMISSIONERS, AND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Corey asked Mr. Sawyer if this item needed council approval. Mr. Sawyer advised he did not know if council has approved job descriptions in the past. Mayor Corey asked if there was any discussion about the job descriptions. He stated he was not real clear on how parks and recreation policies get approved. He asked if the item has to be approved by the parks and recreation director after the commission makes a recommendation. Mr. Sawyer advised no. If the parks and recreation commission makes a recommendation the item will go to one of three places; the operations committee, the planning and policy committee or the city council.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DAVID HILLIKER TO THE FOURTH OF JULY

COMMISSION: Ockerman moved, Sanderson seconded to appoint David Hilliker to the Fourth of July Commission for a term to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing indefinitely to serve at the pleasure of the council.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Sanderson, Ockerman, Mehigh, Runyan, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF CHARLIE FERNETTE TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW:

Councilperson Mehigh asked if the city was sure that Mr. Fernette was still interested in the job since he did not turn in an application. Mr. Sawyer advised he spoke to Mr. Fernette, and he indicated that he wanted to remain on the board. Mr. Sawyer further advised an application was mailed to Mr. Fernette, but since the form has not been received, the council may want to table the item. Mayor Corey stated council has always had an application for past appointments. The council might be better off following the same procedure. Ockerman moved, Johnson seconded to table the appointment of Charlie Fernette to the Board of Review until the next regular meeting. Councilperson Ockerman stated Mr. Fernette should be notified with the reason behind the tabling of his appointment.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Jessen, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

**CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF PAMELA MALASKA TO THE LIBRARY BOARD:** Ockerman moved, Johnson seconded to appoint Pamela Malaska to the Library Board for a term to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing until December 31, 2003 or until a successor is appointed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Runyan, Mehig, Ockerman, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

**CONSIDER GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS:** Mr. Sawyer explained the reasons why the General Fund budget amendments were needed. Ockerman moved, Johnson seconded to approve the following resolution amending the 2001/2002 budget from \$1,681,607 to \$1,648,696:

RESOLUTION 02-02-19-2

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2001/2002 BUDGET

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Corunna desires to Amend the 2001/2002 Budget to Alter the Original Appropriation and Adjust Departmental Expenditures within the Altered General Fund Appropriation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the budget for the City fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 after recommendation by the City Manager be amended by the City Council as described in summary as follows:

	<b><u>FROM:</u></b>	<b><u>TO:</u></b>
<b>General Fund Revenues:</b>	\$1,680,957	\$1,648,696

**General Fund Expenditures:**

<b><u>Dept. #</u></b>	<b><u>Dept. Name</u></b>	<b><u>FROM:</u></b>	<b><u>TO:</u></b>
101	City Council	\$40,881	\$24,881
172	City Manager's Office	\$74,771	\$94,605
191	Elections	\$10,600	\$8,500
203	Internal Services	\$78,875	\$66,717
215	City Clerk's Office	\$80,733	\$81,045
253	City Treasurer's Office	\$75,877	\$68,566
301	Police	\$414,066	\$407,823
336	Fire	\$92,369	\$103,619
371	Building – Zoning	\$14,500	\$16,900
430	Crossing Guard	\$5,237	\$2,511
441	Public Works	\$299,683	\$292,867
691	Parks & Recreation	\$59,712	\$73,062
692	McCurdy Park Community Center	\$26,150	\$20,650
695	Assessment Review	\$25,184	\$15,184

696	Activities and Events	\$10,633	\$7,600
750	City Services	\$204,673	\$196,501
		<b><u>FROM:</u></b>	<b><u>TO:</u></b>
<b>General Fund Expenditures Totals:</b>		\$1,681,607	\$1,648,696

**BE IT**, the same is hereby adopted, and the amount therein provided as recommended; appropriations are hereby appropriated according to the departmental totals.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Jessen, Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

**PRESENTATION BY GARY BURK:** Gary Burk reviewed the information he gave to council.

Mr. Burk advised council the projected construction costs would be about \$4.8 million, and the City of Owosso is looking at a \$4.5 million bond issue spread over a 20-year term. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the city's increase would be \$3,000 or \$30,000 per month. Mr. Burk advised \$3,000 per month or \$36,000 per year. Mr. Sawyer asked if the city's water rates would also increase. Mr. Burk advised the City of Corunna currently pays the City of Owosso \$1.47 per thousand gallons and a 10-percent increase would change the rate to \$1.60 or \$1.61 per thousand gallons. Mayor Corey asked if the City of Owosso's user fee would increase. Mr. Burk advised yes. Mr. Sawyer asked if the demand charges are put into the water fund. Mr. Burk advised yes. Mayor Corey asked if a 10-percent increase was recommended to the Owosso city council. Mr. Burk advised the rates would be firmed up within the next two months. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the City of Corunna was limited to its 11 percent capacity. Mr. Burk advised the City of Corunna could buy more if that is what the city wants to do. Mr. Sawyer asked if the City of Corunna was using its 11 percent. Mr. Burk advised the city was using a little more than 11 percent. Mayor Corey asked if the proposed construction would increase the water capacity. Mr. Burk advised yes, the capacity would increase to 6,000,000 gallons per day. The capacity right now is 4,000,000 gallons per day. Mayor Corey asked if Owosso would be charged the same percentage increase as Corunna. Mr. Burk advised Owosso's percentage could be higher. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the City of Corunna would be treated equally with Owosso. Mr. Burk advised yes. Mayor Corey asked if the service area would be expanded. Mr. Burk advised the City of Owosso is interested in taking on more water customers. He further advised the City of Owosso is selling less water to the City of Corunna than it did 10 years ago. Councilperson Sanderson asked how the water rates would affect the city residents with wells. Mr. Burk advised the rates would not affect those people since they do not have city water.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN:** Vanessa Harris

from Rowe Engineering was present to answer questions regarding the parks and recreation master plan. Janet Washburn advised she and Jan Scott reviewed the master plan and found the Lion Head Fountain and proposed restrooms missing from the plan. Ms. Washburn further advised they also found several typographical errors that need to be corrected. Councilperson Ockerman advised the park plan was very well done. Councilperson Sanderson asked how the city can stop the kids from using the berm located near the

commercial building as a bike ramp. He suggested putting up a fence. Ms. Washburn advised kids might get hurt unless a mesh fence is put up. Mayor Corey suggested removing the berm. This is a lawsuit waiting to happen. Ockerman moved, Runyan seconded to adopt the following resolution and amend the master plan to include the existing Lion Head Fountain, the proposed park restrooms and to correct typographical errors:

RESOLUTION 02-02-19-1  
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF CORUNNA  
FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Corunna Parks and Recreation Commission prepared the City of Corunna Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Corunna Parks and Recreation Commission is comprised of residents of the City of Corunna appointed by the City Council due to their interest in parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the recommended improvements in the City of Corunna Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan were developed in response to needs and deficiencies which were identified through Corunna Parks and Recreation Commission public meetings and a Corunna Parks and Recreation Commission public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corunna Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan will assist the City of Corunna in determining future planning and development of parks and recreation facilities and programs by lending direction for recreation needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corunna is not fiscally obligated to complete any of the improvements recommended in the plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED that the Corunna City Council adopts the City of Corunna Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan as presented.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE CORUNNA CITY COUNCIL DURING A PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2002.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehig, Jessen, Runyan, Johnson, Sanderson, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF OSSI LICENSE/OFFENSE FIELD REPORTING MODULE:

Ockerman moved, Jessen seconded to approve the purchase of the OSSI License/Offense Field Reporting Module in the amount of \$2,997.00 to be paid for from line item 101-301-820.000.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson, Jessen, Ockerman, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF SOIL COMPACTOR: Mehigh moved, Jessen seconded to approve the purchase of a soil compactor in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 to be paid for from line item 661-902-977.000 and authorize the city manager to solicit bids and execute the purchase.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Jessen, Runyan, Johnson, Sanderson, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RELAY FOR LIFE MCCURDY PARK USAGE: Councilperson Ockerman asked Mr. Sawyer if he contacted Mr. Heavilin. Mr. Sawyer advised he was unable to reach him. Councilperson Ockerman stated he has nothing against the Cancer Society; however, there is a chain of people who make money so it is not solely non-profit. Before the Relay for Life came to the park, they made \$30,000, but \$78,000 was made last year, which is wonderful, but the city still has expenses. He further stated he wants the Relay for Life to pay for any expenses that are incurred. He also stated one-third of the money that is raised is paid to people who work for the organization, and an example of this would be Mr. Heavilin himself because he knows that Mr. Heavilin makes a nice salary. Mayor Corey asked if the Relay for Life uses the profits to pay the people who work at the event. Councilperson Ockerman advised part of the collected money is used to pay expenses, and the rest of the money goes to the Cancer Society. Mayor Corey asked what the city expenses were, and if the group clean up after themselves and take care of any trash. Mr. Sawyer advised he was not aware of any direct expenses. Ms. Washburn advised electricity is used. Mayor Corey suggested taking a meter reading before and after the event in order to charge the group for the electricity that is used. Mr. Crawford advised there is only one electric meter in the park. Mr. Sawyer asked if the community center is used. Ms. Washburn advised not usually. Councilperson Jessen asked if there was anyway to check how much electricity was used in the past. Mr. Sawyer advised no. Councilperson Jessen asked if the electric usage would be considered minimal. Mr. Sawyer advised yes. Ockerman moved, Sanderson supported to approve the use of McCurdy Park by the Relay for Life for Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18, 2002 as requested with a minimal fee of \$250.00. Councilperson Mehigh asked if the city had any idea on how much the event costs the city. Councilperson Runyan suggested asking for a donation instead of setting a fee. Councilperson Ockerman advised the city has asked for a donation, but it was not forthcoming. Mayor Corey asked if Mr. Heavilin was asked. Councilperson Ockerman advised he asked Mr. Heavilin personally and was told no. Mr. Heavilin talked to his people and was told no. Mayor Corey asked if the Relay for Life had been charged in the past. Councilperson Mehigh advised no. Councilperson Sanderson stated the wear and tear of the park should be worth something. There should be some kind of a charge or a mandatory donation. Councilperson Jessen stated why charge them now since they have used the park in the past. Councilperson Mehigh stated he was concerned about charging the group, but agreed that the city should recover some of its expenses. He hopes the group will come forth with a donation because the city is being more than generous to them. Mayor Corey

suggested sending a letter requesting a donation of some kind for using the park. Councilperson Mehig stated that would be his preference. Councilperson Runyan stated something could be included in the letter that the donation would be used wherever the group requested. Councilperson Ockerman read the letter that Ms. Washburn received from Mr. Heavilin. Mayor Corey stated the city could ask the Relay for Life to do a park project. Councilperson Mehig asked if it would be feasible to table this item until the next meeting, and ask Mr. Sawyer to have a discussion with the Relay for Life people. Mayor Corey advised there is a motion on the floor. Councilperson Ockerman stated if council wanted to table this item then he had no problem with withdrawing his motion, which was done. Councilperson Sanderson withdrew his support. Ockerman moved, Mehig seconded to table this item until the next regular meeting. Councilperson Ockerman stated he is getting irritated that the city is looking like the bad guy, and the Relay for Life know they have put the city in the eyes of the public.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Sanderson, Ockerman, Mehig, Runyan, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER WATER COMMITTEE: Councilperson Ockerman advised he, Mr. Sawyer and Councilperson Mehig have been working with Caledonia Township for some time on the water issue because they know how expensive water is for the City of Corunna residents. Councilperson Ockerman further advised the three of them feel there should be a committee formed to see if this is something the city should look at, particularly in view of what is coming from the City of Owosso. The committee should have three members and should include the city manager. Mr. Sawyer advised the intent is to form an Intergovernmental Committee opposed to a water committee. He further advised Caledonia Township and Owosso Township have already done this by board actions within their governmental bodies. Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to appoint Don Mehig, Bob Ockerman and Joe Sawyer to the Intergovernmental Committee. Councilperson Jessen asked when the next meeting was. Councilperson Ockerman advised March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Caledonia Township.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Jessen, Mehig.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER LOCATION AGREEMENT WITH TONY HORNUS: Ockerman moved, Mehig seconded to accept the Location Agreement with Collective Development, Inc. as presented and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Runyan, Mehig, Ockerman, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Tom Wazny, Caledonia Charter Township Supervisor, thanked Councilperson Ockerman for all of his hard work at the ambulance service. Mr. Wazny stated the ambulance service is on the road to recovery. He further stated the city council had a really good meeting tonight and conducted some real good business.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Mayor Corey advised he mentioned two meetings ago about taking a walk through the lofts in Owosso and advised a tour has been scheduled for February 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilperson Sanderson thanked the city council and staff members for the beautiful plant that was sent to his mother. He stated this city council and the people of the city should be ashamed and appalled at the condition of street that goes to the cemetery and Bachus Street, which is next to the funeral home. People from out of town have to drive down that street, and it is disgusting for them to have to see a hearse bouncing all around. Councilperson Sanderson suggested chewing up the street in order to make it halfway smooth. He advised he was very embarrassed and ashamed to have his family see the condition of the street. The city council needs to take care of the city's streets to make the town look decent.

ADJOURN: Jessen moved, Mehig seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Ockerman, Jessen, Sanderson, Mehig, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:40 p.m.

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STEPHEN COREY, MAYOR

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LINDA M. LECUREUX, DEPUTY CLERK